

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 7-9 were pending and all of the claims were rejected in the Office action. The Applicants have carefully considered the reference and the reasons for rejection advanced by the Examiner and respectfully traverse the rejections in view of the amendments and the discussion presented below.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by the Applicants admitted prior art (APA), Fig. 5, in view of Chung et al. (US 4,456,336; "Chung").

Amended Claim 7 recites, *inter alia*, a transfective layer comprising at least an organic film and a metallic reflection film disposed on a portion of the inner face of one of the substrates, the portion excluding a periphery of the substrate; [and] an overcoat film, planarizing the metallic reflection film, and covering an edge of the organic film and a portion of the excluded periphery....

These features of Claim 7 are not taught or suggested by the APA or by Chung. Therefore the combination of the references does not teach or suggest all of the elements and limitations of amended Claim 7, which is thus allowable.

Amended Claim 8 recites, *inter alia*, at least a resin base applied to an exterior surface of the substrate adjacent to the light source, and a metallic reflection film disposed on the resin base, wherein a plurality of concave portions are contiguously formed on a surface of the resin base, an inner surface of each concave portion constituting a part of a spherical surface, wherein a depth of the concave portions is in the range of 0.1 to 3 μm , an inclination angle of the inner surface of each concave portion is in the range of -30 degrees to +30 degrees, and a pitch of adjoining concave portions is in the range of 5 to 50 μm .

These features of Claim 8 are not taught or suggested by the APA or by Chung. Therefore the combination of the references does not teach or suggest all of the elements and limitations of amended Claim 8, which is thus allowable. Claim 9 is dependent on Claim 8, and is, without more, allowable.

Double Patenting

The Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's nonstatutory double patenting rejection of Claims 7-9, however, in order to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer accompanying this response. As such, the rejection on these grounds of Claims 7-9 is overcome.

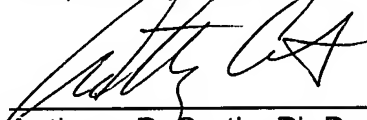
Conclusion

Claims 7-9 are pending.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are allowable.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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